

REPORT OF THE BLUE HILLS REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Blue Hills Regional District School Committee is pleased to submit its Annual Report to the residents of the Town of Randolph.

Blue Hills Regional Technical School continues its commitment to provide high caliber academic and vocational instruction to district students in grades nine through twelve, and to others through postgraduate training. The nine towns in the district include Avon, Braintree, Canton, Dedham, Holbrook, Milton, Norwood, Randolph, and Westwood.

Mr. James P. Quaglia is the Superintendent-Director. Mrs. Marybeth Nearen serves as the Randolph representative to the Blue Hills Regional District School Committee.

The Committee meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the William T. Buckley District School Committee Meeting Room (Room 207A) at the school at 800 Randolph St., Canton. The public is invited to attend.

Late in 2004, Gov. Mitt Romney announced the inception of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarships, which are given to high school students in recognition of their outstanding MCAS scores. The scholarships entitle the recipients to four years of free tuition at any University of Massachusetts campus or any participating state or community college in Massachusetts. Fifty members of the Class of 2013 earned this prestigious honor, including 23 students from Randolph.

Eighty-two Blue Hills Regional Technical School students participated in the SkillsUSA District III Championships held on March 15, 2013 at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. SkillsUSA is a national organization for vocational students which holds competitions in scores of technical categories at the local, district, state, and national levels. The students collectively brought home 18 medals and deserve tremendous credit for their hard work, expertise and dedication. The SkillsUSA Chapter Advisor is Mr. Robert Foley. Medalists from Randolph were Taysiman Haque, Internetworking, bronze medal; Morandah Destouche, Nurse Assisting, bronze medal; Lauren MacLellan, Graphic Communications, gold medal.

On April 3, 2013, 16 new members were inducted into the William A. Dwyer Chapter of the National Honor Society at Blue Hills. They included Randolph students Belizare Melon, Haylee Teed, Jasmine Raynor, Jenessa Merard, and Taisha Cotard.

Janelli Aguilar of Randolph, a senior in Drafting/CAD, was selected as the school's Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student of the Year.

Each month on the home page of the school's website, www.bluehills.org, two Students of the Month are featured. They typify the very best of what Blue Hills is all about – outstanding scholarship, great school spirit, excellent attendance record, and they are respected by peers and faculty alike. Randolph students chosen for this recognition in 2013 were Janelli Aguilar, Leila Chow, Taysiman Haque, Karley Glassman, Yascaira Caridad, Jessica Leigh, and Jacob Cabral.

At the Senior Scholarship and Awards Night on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, dozens of seniors received scholarships, tool awards and grants. Blue Hills is grateful to all the individuals and various civic and municipal organizations that generously recognized these deserving young men and women.

It was another stellar year in sports for Blue Hills Regional. The school earned the Mayflower Athletic Conference Sportsmanship Award and the prestigious MIAA District D Sportsmanship Award. Athletic Director/Head Football Coach Edward Catabia was honored with the Eastern Mass. Association of Interscholastic Football Officials Award for Coach of the Year.

The football team was the Mass. Vocational Bowl Small School Champion and Co-Conference Champion. Senior Vincent Burton of Randolph capped off his outstanding football career with statistics that put him eighth on the All-Time State Record List. He had 650 total points, 5,530 yards rushing 996 carries, and 90 touchdowns. He was MVP of the Mayflower Athletic Conference, Boston Globe MVP, and an All-Star of the Quincy Patriot Ledger and the Boston Herald. Vincent was also the BHR Male Athlete of the Year.

The girls' basketball team had an impressive 20-0 record and was Conference Champion. Girls' basketball Coach Tom McGrath was Coach of the Year, Boston Globe Coach of the Year, and MBCA Coaches Association Coach of the Year. Tayler Wornum of Randolph was an All-Star in girls' basketball. Anthony Moura (football), Jostin Mata (soccer), and Patrick Despage (track and field) were All-Stars from Randolph. In ice hockey, the team was Conference Champion. Blue Hills Regional takes great pride in all its student-athletes and coaches and congratulates them for their dedication and hard work.

On November 19, 2013, Blue Hills hosted its annual Open House. This event allows the public to visit classrooms and vocational areas, speak with students, teachers, and administrators. It enables a firsthand appreciation of the variety of vocational training opportunities offered, and the extensive resources that Blue Hills provides for its students.

The Dedham-based Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary Club generously honored several Blue Hills Regional students with scholarships, tool awards, and RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). In 2013, Vincent Burton, Yascaira Caridad, and Morandah Destouche, all of Randolph, received \$750 scholarships. RYLA awards went to Christopher Bartorelli of Randolph, as well as three students from other towns. Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia and Co-Op Coordinator Kim Polisenno belong to this Rotary Club.

Nineteen juniors in the Health Assisting program at Blue Hills were awarded their Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) credentials on Thursday, June 13, 2013. The honorees included these Randolph students: Michaela Beckett, Winona Bruce-Baden, Chelsea Castillo, Olivia Francis, Kayla Hernandez, Michelle Kennedy, Belizare Melon, and Andrea Teixeira.

The Class of 2013 graduated on Wednesday, June 12, 2013. Aaron Nesselle was Valedictorian. Shedly Louis-Charles was Class Vice President, and Jenessa Merard was Class Secretary. All are from Randolph. Superintendent-Director Quaglia told the members of the Class of 2013 in his address to them, "Now, you can set your own course. You will have to ask yourself what is important and then do everything you can to achieve it."

As of October 1, 2013, there were 842 students enrolled at Blue Hills. Two hundred seventy-two of them were from Randolph.

Thirty men and women graduated from the Practical Nursing Program (Postsecondary Programs Division) at its 24th Annual Commencement at Blue Hills on Wednesday, June 26, 2013. There were four graduates from Randolph, including Pauline Laureta, Anne-Marie

Mathelier, Kathy Svagdis, and Cassandre Titus. This superb program earned accreditation from the Council on Occupational Education in 2012.

Capital improvements were made: repairing and remodeling the indoor pool area, including new HVAC and lighting; new baseball and softball fields, with new fencing dugouts and backstops; and refurbished and modernized lecture hall with new seating, sound system and projection.

Within confines of their vocational curriculum, Blue Hills students provide Cosmetology, Culinary including our in-house, student-run restaurant, Early Education and Care, Construction services, Graphics, Metal Fabrication, Electrical, Design and Visual Communication, and Automotive services to the district residents at below commercial cost. In some cases they have extended these services to local government and non- profits. This practice allows students to gain practical hands-on experience in conjunction with their classroom work. Over the years, residents, civic and municipal groups in the school's Member Towns have saved considerable money by having Blue Hills students provide services for them.

Respectfully submitted,
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Blue Hills Regional Technical School District
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